



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5258

LCO No. 1574



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING MOVING OVER WHEN APPROACHING CERTAIN EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-283b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 (a) For the purpose of this section, "emergency vehicle" means any
4 vehicle with activated flashing lights (1) operated by a member of an
5 emergency medical service organization responding to an emergency
6 call, (2) operated by a fire department or by any officer of a fire
7 department responding to a fire or other emergency, (3) operated by a
8 police officer, (4) that is a maintenance vehicle, as defined in section 14-
9 1, or (5) that is a wrecker, as defined in section 14-1, "police officer" has
10 the meaning set forth in section 7-294a, and "highway" has the meaning
11 set forth in section 14-1, provided such highway has two or more travel
12 lanes that proceed in the same direction.

13 (b) Any operator of a motor vehicle on a highway when approaching
14 one or more emergency vehicles that are stationary or traveling
15 significantly below the posted speed limit and located on the shoulder,

16 lane or breakdown lane of such highway shall (1) immediately reduce
17 speed to [a reasonable level below the posted speed limit] twenty miles
18 per hour, and (2) if traveling in the lane adjacent to the shoulder, lane or
19 breakdown lane containing such emergency vehicle, move such motor
20 vehicle over one lane, unless such movement would be unreasonable or
21 unsafe.

22 (c) Any operator of a motor vehicle on a highway when approaching
23 one or more nonemergency vehicles that are stationary and located on
24 the shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of such highway shall, if traveling
25 in the lane adjacent to the shoulder, lane or breakdown lane containing
26 such nonemergency vehicle, move such motor vehicle over one lane,
27 unless such movement would be unreasonable or unsafe.

28 (d) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of
29 this section shall have committed an infraction, except that if such
30 violation results in the injury of the operator of an emergency vehicle,
31 such person shall be fined not more than two thousand five hundred
32 dollars and, if such violation results in the death of the operator of an
33 emergency vehicle, such person shall be fined not more than ten
34 thousand dollars.

35 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (c) of this
36 section shall have committed an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	14-283b

Statement of Purpose:

To require drivers to reduce the speed of a motor vehicle to twenty miles per hour when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle on the shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of a highway.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]